

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 are pending. The office action indicates that claims 1-3 are allowable. Claim 4 has been amended to correct a minor informality as suggested by the Examiner. Formal drawings sheets labeled FIG. 1 and 2 have been submitted as suggested by the Examiner. In view of the above amendments and comments, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in a condition for allowance.

#### **Drawings**

The office action objected to the drawings including FIG. 1 and 2.

Applicants submit two formal drawings sheets labeled FIG. 1 and 2. FIG. 1 has been corrected as suggested by the Examiner.

In view of the above correction and comments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

#### **Claim Objections**

The office action objected to claim 4 for a minor informality.

Claim 4 has been amended to correct the informality as suggested by the office action.

In view of the above correction and comments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has allowed claims 1-3. The Examiner indicated that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection set forth above.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowable subject matter. Claim 4 was corrected as explained above.

In view of the above correction and comments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection and allowance of claims 1-3 and 4.

Request for Reconsideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.111

Having responded to each and every ground for objection and rejection in the Office Action mailed on March 4, 2004, Applicant requests reconsideration in the instant application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.111 and requests that the Examiner allow claims 1-4 and pass the application to issue. If there is any point requiring further attention prior to allowance, the Examiner is asked to contact Applicants' counsel who can be reached at the telephone number listed below.

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